



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## You are not alone

When I first started showing cattle, coming in first place in the showring was not something that happened very often. In fact, I usually came in last place. But to an 8-year-old who loved her calves, and for a family who got to spend a little time together, last place was just fine. Our family vacations were happily spent inside a barn at the state fair.

Thirteen years later, our cows don't always come in last anymore. We might even win first place every now and again. But whatever show my family and I attend, we always have a good time. And every vacation we go on still involves cows and barns.

Cattle shows aren't just about winning and losing; being in that showring is only part of the "big picture." More importantly, cattle shows are about being with people you may see only once a year. They're about meeting new friends. They're about learning all you can about the Angus industry so you can become a better consumer, a better producer and a better exhibitor.

The things that you learn as a member of the National Junior Angus Association

(NJAA), or as the parent of a junior member, will stick with you forever. Many of the friends you make today will still be your friends 10 years from now. I've

mentioned that my family and I travel to Angus shows together, but I also have an Angus family that is there to share with, to lend a hand and to teach life's lessons.

I hope that junior members who are just starting out, and even those who are more experienced, understand that winning isn't everything. There are many

facets to showing cattle besides a blue ribbon. Don't get me wrong — being in first place is great. But don't be afraid to come in last. It's what you learn along the way that counts.

Remember, no one is ever born into life alone. Everyone has shared the bond of family, at least at birth, and for many people it is a bond that will follow them throughout life. For many people it is the most important bond of all.

— *Cortney Collins, West Virginia*



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## Judging team sets school record

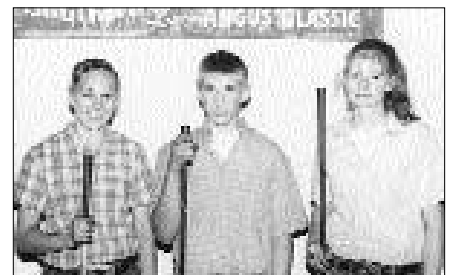
The Butler County Community College (BCCC) livestock judging team concluded its 2002-2003 season as the most successful team in livestock judging history at BCCC, with the help of many NJAA members. The team ranked no lower than fourth place at any of its competitions. For the sixth consecutive year, BCCC finished in the top 10 of every competition they participated in and captured 16 champion or reserve champion honors.

Angus juniors on the sophomore team included Kyle Conley, Clarksdale, Mo.; Kyle Perez, Nara Visa, N.M.; and Dustin Wiley, Saint Francis, Kan. Angus juniors on the freshman team were Casey Blew, Mount Hope, Kan.; Tyler Norvell, Amber, Okla.; and Jeana Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.

## 2003 Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, May 25, Lancaster



► Winning junior showmanship honors are (from left) **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, first place; **Kylee Jones**, Marengo, Ill., second place; and **Alexis Papke**, Eau Claire, third place.



► Winning intermediate showmanship honors are (from left) **Kayla Nelson**, Mabel, Minn., first place; **Wesley Ruby**, Greene, Iowa, second place; and **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, third place.



► Winning senior showmanship honors are (from left) **Matthew Nelson**, Mabel, Minn., first place; **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore, second place; and **Joseph Mason**, Glen Haven, third place.

## 2003 Atlantic Nat'l Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 24, Timonium, Md.



► Six merit award scholarships are presented to juniors by (from left) Erin Krueger, committee member; Sherri Smith, committee member; and Andrea Fitzgerald, Atlantic Nat'l junior council advisor. Junior recipients are (continuing from left) **Karl Holshouser**, Gold Hill, N.C., also a recipient of the Greg Krueger Memorial Scholarship; **Amanda Lickey**, Philomont, Va.; **Hope Long**, Airville, Pa.; **Cortney Hill-Dukehart**, Sykesville, Md.; **Callie Birdsell**, Sparta, N.C.; and **Jonathan Barnes**, Dolphin, Va. Others pictured are Paul Hill, show chairman; Miss American Angus Joanna Olson; and Barb Weaver, committee member.

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### ▣ 2003 California Junior Angus Field Day, May 24-25, Chowchilla

► California Junior Angus Ass'n officers for 2003-2004 are (from left) **Garrett Blanchard**, Mendota, president; **Ryan Nelson**, Wilton, vice president; **Austin Perry**, Prather, treasurer; **Emmalee Casillas**, Auburn, secretary; **Amanda Bassett**, Delano, reporter; and **Sierra Meyers**, Madera, historian.



► Representing California as Angus royalty are (from left) **Jessica Hord**, Acampo, queen; **Erika Lee**, Modesto, junior princess; and **Amanda Bassett**, Delano, senior princess.



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#### TERMS UP IN 2005

Six new Board Members were to be elected during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky., in mid-July. To see who was elected, visit [www.angusjournal.com/NJAS](http://www.angusjournal.com/NJAS) for real-time coverage of the event provided by Angus Productions Inc. (API).

